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June 04, 2013

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

**70 June 4, 2013**

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**TRANSIT SERVICES FOR  
UNINCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN  
THE MOUNTAINS EDUCATION PROGRAM  
BY THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action is to approve funding and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute an agreement with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the Mountains Education Program to transport residents of unincorporated County of Los Angeles areas to the Santa Monica Mountains and Rim of the Valley parklands.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that this activity is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve continuation of the Mountains Education Program to transport residents of unincorporated County of Los Angeles areas to the Santa Monica Mountains and Rim of the Valley parklands for Fiscal Year 2013-14 at an estimated cost of \$37,000.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to negotiate and execute an agreement with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to provide service to transport residents of unincorporated County of Los Angeles areas to the Santa Monica Mountains and Rim of the Valley parklands for Fiscal Year 2013-14.

## **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

This action will approve funding for continuation of transportation services for unincorporated County area residents who have limited access to the Santa Monica Mountains and Rim of the Valley (SMMRV) parklands to participate in the Mountains Education Program and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute an agreement, in a form approved by County Counsel, with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for Fiscal Year 2013-14.

## **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 2). This Program provides services to the public in a responsive manner and allows our residents who have no other means of transportation to visit and enjoy the SMMRV parklands. The Program is a partnership with MRCA that enables the County to provide these services in a cost-effective manner.

## **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated cost to provide this service for Fiscal Year 2013-14 is \$37,000. The cost will be allocated to each Supervisorial District based on actual trips from each District. The estimated costs are \$7,500 for the First District; \$10,000 for the Second District; \$5,500 for the Third District; \$4,000 for the Fourth District; and \$10,000 for the Fifth District for a total of \$37,000.

The necessary funds are available from each Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program included in the Recommended Fiscal Year 2013-14 Transit Enterprise Fund Budget.

## **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Since 1988, the Board has approved the use of Proposition A Local Return Transit funds to support this Program. This Program provides community center groups, youth groups, senior citizen groups, persons with disabilities, camps, and schools from unincorporated County areas with transportation to the SMMRV parklands.

The majority of the participants are low income, disadvantaged, or have limited access to transportation. The Program continues to be an effective means for transporting groups of unincorporated County residents who would not otherwise have access to the above-mentioned areas.

The Program will cover a 1-year period beginning on July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014. The cooperative funding agreement will contain applicable terms and conditions supporting the following Board-sponsored policies: insurance, compliance with applicable laws, termination for improper consideration, warranty against contingency fees, and independent contractor status. Because this Program is to help fund the MRCA transportation service, which is not a County service, the Board-sponsored policies, such as the Jury Service Program and Safely Surrendered Baby Law Program will not be included in the cooperative funding agreement.

The agreement will be approved, as to form, by County Counsel prior to execution by the Director of Public Works or her designee.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed activity is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080(b)(10) of the Public Resources Code. This exemption provides for the implementation of passenger or commuter transit services.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The MRCA contracts with private transit providers for this service through a competitive process. The County's share of the cost of the service will be based on the actual cost of service provided to unincorporated County area residents.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The Program provides a valuable service for the residents who live in unincorporated County areas. The goal of the Program is to reach as many people as possible, both children and adults, so that they can experience and learn about the natural parklands located in the SMMRV.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office